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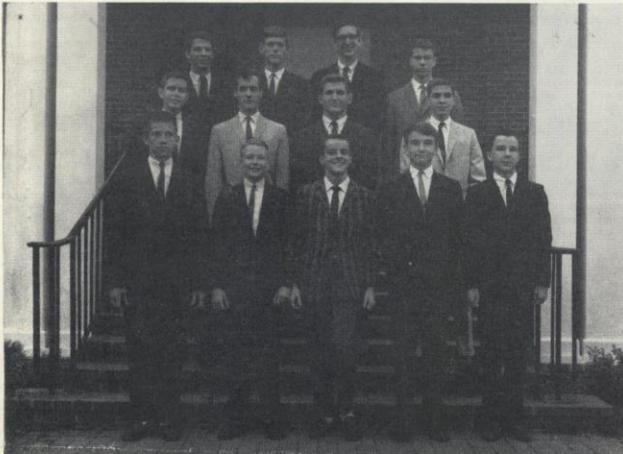
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MATH TEAM SWEEPS DIVISION



Front row: Ednie, Greer, Appfel, Terry, Nicholson. Second row: Williams, Stifter, Baldwin, Smead. Third row: Evans, Shanks, Wilson, Strayhorn.

On Tuesday, April 27, the annual high school math contest was held at Peabody College. M.B.A.'s traditionally fine showing included: Algebra I—first place, Bill Terry, fifth place—Jerry Greer; Algebra II—first place (tie)—George Appfel and Joe Strayhorn, third place—Ian Ednie, fourth place—Alex Nicholson; Plane Geometry—second place—Mark Wilson, third place—Rick Evans, fourth place—Gene Shanks, ninth place—John Williams; Comprehensive (Senior Math)—fourth place—Bill Smead, sixth place—John Stifter, tenth place—Jimmy Baldwin. This fine showing as always reflects on our fine Math department. Congratulations to these boys!

Frank Stevens

Six Years Later A Look at the English Department

"Not another theme," we griped. In that spring of 1957 it was our second one—for the year. Moreover, we were entrenched in our second side reading novel, *Northwest Passage*, I believe it was. Quite a symbiotic, thought-provoking work!

As a teacher returning to his old school, I have of course noticed the many changes which have been instituted at Montgomery Bell Academy. There are now shrubs and new buildings; new courses and new teachers. But perhaps the most profound change, at least from the point of view of an English teacher, has been in the curriculum offered in the English department.

My introductory paragraph, with the validity supported by my memory, portrays a slice of English III in 1957. The number of themes required was small; the amount of time spent on grammar, prodigious. The in-class material was based upon one textbook. The literature read was limited, in terms of both quantity and quality. Perhaps the only item that resembled today's product was the teaching, which was excellent.

In 1964, students continue to gripe as they inevitably will. However, the subject matter of those gripes has changed. The twelfth theme is anathematized, not the second. *All The King's Men* has replaced *Northwest Passage*, and *Moby Dick* and *The Stranger* are read as in-class novels. In other words, in terms of both quantity and quality, the Junior English program has progressed.

With the introduction of honors work on all levels of English, the student who is able to move at a more accelerated rate is allowed to do so.

Six years is a long time. Standards change: college requirements are boosted. It is a credit to the administration and faculty at M.B.A. that the English department has moved with the times.

Debate News

Following the rather discouraging results of the Barkley Forum at Emory in February, the debate team participated in several smaller tournaments in preparation for the National Forensic League Tournament, March 22-24 at Lipscomb College. The members' hard work against Overton and Hillwood, and several other local schools was clearly evident as they won several honors in this highly-regarded event. Seniors Mike Mooy and Mike Brandon were especially outstanding, winning first place in five debates. Participation depended upon certain point qualifications that had to be met by all members of the team, and unfortunately there were few entrants from M. B. A. However, several of our

debators had shown exceptional improvement prior to the meet and have continued to do so through the spring. Bill Howell, Rick Evans, Mike McCotter, John Stifter, Ian Ednie, George Duncan, Joe Strayhorn, Burton Rice, and the only freshmen representatives, Bill Terry and Rusty Lawrence, have all played a great part in bringing recognition to the hard work of Mrs. Campbell and the high quality of M. B. A. debate.

In the coming weeks the team will journey to several major debates. The District Tournament is to be held in Nashville and the first place winners will compete at the State meet in Chattanooga on April 13. Also up-coming is the Mid-South Forensic Tournament for private schools in Tennessee, Kentucky, and South Carolina. M. B. A. has annually figured prominently in these meets and we wish the best of luck to this year's entrants.

Dramatics Club Presents One Act

After a very successful production of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, the Dramatics Club has produced four more plays this spring. Each one, a short play of one act, was directed by a senior. This senior had complete charge of casting and production. All four plays were produced the past month. Mr. Barr, who sponsored the Dramatics Club, has stated that these plays under senior direction will be an annual event and that an award will be presented to the best director.

The plays presented this year are as follows: "Sorry, Wrong Number" written by Lucille Fletcher, directed by Jim Stanford; "The Sandbox" written by Edward Albee, directed by Rodney Downey; "Where the Cross is Made" written by Eugene O'Neill, directed by John Stifter; and "A Marriage Proposal" written by Anton Chekhov, directed by John Dunn.

Alex Nicholson

Assembly Speakers

On February 20, Grant Smithson introduced to the assembly a familiar and well-liked personality, Dr. Ben St. Clair, pastor of the West End Methodist Church. Because of the requests of the faculty, Dr. St. Clair delivered one of his most popular and most important sermons. Dr. St. Clair dealt with the problem of conformity in a scholarly and thorough manner. He told us that, of course, conformity is an old and serious problem, and that conformity is a problem of all ages, not just teenagers. He started by saying that all conformity is not bad since everyone must conform to society's laws and standards. Dr. St. Clair then defined the essence of conformity—the acceptance of a group's standards which are not one's own—doing what others say simply because one is afraid to do otherwise.

Dr. St. Clair pointed out that when one conforms, he loses his rights as an individual and hurts himself as well as the moral fiber of our nation! He compared the results of too much conformity to the results of termite nesting—the object is destroyed from the inside out. He pointed out that an individual can be a nation may look fine on the outside, but it may be crumbling on the inside because of its loss of rights and freedom due to conformity. Dr. St. Clair alluded to the fall of the Roman Empire as a prime example of this internal decay.

Dr. St. Clair observed that there is no clear-cut answer to the problem of conformity, but that one could be an intelligent non-conformist. He said that the whole matter boiled down to "am I going to control my life or will I be controlled?"

Dr. St. Clair then urged us not to be conformed by a crowd but to be transformed into better, freer individuals by our own minds and wills.

All the students were benefited and entertained by Dr. St. Clair's excellent talk on such a timely topic. We all look forward to see Dr. St. Clair with us again soon.

On March 3 Rusty Davis presented Dr. Thomas Barr of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dr. Barr graduated from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. He had a son, Bill, who graduated from M.B.A. in 1956. Dr. Barr delivered a fine talk on the importance to daily lives and experiences. First of all, he observed that when we read or hear from Jesus' words, we do not apply them directly to our daily lives, but put them away and don't ever really use them.

Second, he stated that everyone in our society is being "drawn and shaken by external forces" in our everyday lives such as advertising. He said that external life as a struggle between these various forces within the individual. Then Dr. Barr stated that everyone is to some degree handicapped. He urged us to overcome our handicaps and to produce something good, as the oyster forms a pearl because of a bad environment or a handicap in the oyster. Then when Dr. Barr had ended these three different but indeed important parts of his talk, he correlated all three with the advice that we should develop our full potential, that the Lord has given us despite our many handicaps, many assets.

The students enjoyed Dr. Barr's timely, fitting and well-given address.

Tom Howell

Richard Worden Wins Poetry Prize



Richard Worden recently took first place in the Belmont Wordfest in the poetry division. The BELL RINGER would like to congratulate Richard for his fine achievement and pay tribute to his ability. A copy of his sonnet is published below:

How Grows the Rose

Sarcophaguses are for those who bear
A feeling of aversion to this earth,
Which has, midst strife since
fabled Adam's birth
Sustained man's footsteps from
Rand to Bonair.
The grave enigma now is what to wear.
While undertakers smile in muf-
fled mirth,
Bereaved pay many times a cas-
kets worth
To render witness that they truly care.
For me, I want a kist of yellowed pine.
I want no ceremones laden with
coined gold.
Please lay me down, face up, in
deep repose
And surely calm composure shall
be mine
And I shall have the roots of
trees to hold
And I shall see at last, how grows
the rose.

In

Memoriam

Paul

Callis

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7th Grade News

Spring has not quite sprung, but it will soon, we hope! Many seventh graders are in spring feelings. Take, for instance, Billy Downey, that kind-hearted person, along with his friend, Bill McNeely (O) Bill is a real round-and-working boy, for his type of person. Then we can see nice Dave Fisher, maker of 92's in schoolwork, which isn't too bad! There is also Room 7 A's star Mike Binkley, the person behind everything. Room 7 A has everything: smart people, neat people, clean people, nice people, and especially quiet people!!!!

Hail to 7B, the Intramural Basketball champions! Barrett Sutton, Pope Wilson, David Ross, George Attkisson, and Duke Rose did a fine job. (Mr. Alexander's team played a hard game, though.)

The 7B cools in handball against Birmingham, Mac Burke, Mike Kunkel, Whit Clark, Gordon Peerman, Barry Banker, and Bob Tigert. Tom Brothers notifies us that he has been on a crash diet and lost 2 pounds.

Tom Moss: What is a girl with sweethearts?

Art Rebrovick: A Bill collector. (Watch for 7B superlatives next issue)

8th Grade News

Well, fellow cell-mates, this is the next-to-last article of the 1963-1964 eighth grade in *The Bell Ringer*; therefore, we will conclude this wonderful year with the sad final wills and testaments of the eighth graders, who are leaving the Junior school. (sob... sob)

I. Steve Adams leave my terrific public speaking voice to Bill who will use it thoughtfully!

I. Mike Allison leave a year's subscription to MAD to anybody who will have it!

I. Wen Baugh leave my looks to Sherman Whipple!

I. Bill "The Pitcher" Caldwell finally leave!

I. Tom Bunting leave my art talent to T. D. M!

I. Jimmy Sanders leave my History grades to anyone who wants them!

I. Jay Page leave my model building talent to a fellow "craftsman"! (T. D. M.)

I. Bill Blackman leave Mr. Kirk crying!

8th Grade (Contd.)

I. Tom Branum do not leave anything for anybody!

I. Richard Chrichton leave "Big Daddy" all his drawings!

I. Clark Conn leave all my girls home and will follow!

I. John Parker leave my hair to Mr. Gentry!

I. Hamilton Frost leave my shrewd ways to Mr. Novak!

I. Bev Kennon leave happy!

I. Bill Huggins do not leave my girls like C. C!

I. T. D. M. leave my coordination to "The Tripper"!

I. Larry Herbert leave being a good boy!

I. Charlie Bryn leave my voice to Steve Adams!

I. Sandy Hill leave my ruffles to myself!

I. Doug Coulter leave my big feet to Bizo!

I. Turner Hutchison leave my boisterous ways to Jackie Harris!

I. Carl Cooper leave my brother (Tojo) to Alex Perez!

I. Grant Collins leave my money to Channel Five!

I. Howard Rhett leave my John's decals to absolutely nobody!

I. David Tomezen do no leave Betty to anybody!

I. Steve Porter leave my dreams to Birmingham!

I. John Stevens leave my broken legs to Graham!

I. Charlie Nelson leave my athlete's ability to Brothers!

I. Wade Pitts leave being "Jumpin' Joe!"

I. Bob Loche, leave knowing that the company is dead!

I. Ricky Head leave crying for my John!

I. Russ Ross leave my stars to anyone with a bad average!

I. Bud McMurray leave my motorcycle to Allen Lenz!

I. Dave Baldridge leave Tish!

I. Penn Waugh leave my hoarse voice to Mrs. Carter!

I. Philip Robinson leave Math class happily!

I. John Hadlin leave my yodeling to Bill Sadler!

I. Jackie Davis leave my wild ways to Bloodsworth!

I. Dorch Oldham leave my hair to Dudi!

I. Duncan Fort leave English happily!

I. Bob Sadler leave the Junior School nothing!

I. Lou Bostiggi leave like Branum!

I. Bob Polk leave proudly!

I. We Byrd and Cannon take our evil minds with us!

Sophomore Class News

Recently, many news articles have been received by the Shop News Room that have been worrying our reporters. When we began receiving such headlines as: "Mike Howard Survives Fiorida's Girls."

"Nashville Girls Survive Mike Rose."

"Hyatt Steals Date From Moon."

"Hyatt Finds Florida Fabulous."

Our reports put their fat heads together and decided on three major events that caused this dilemma: (1) The Class Party, (2) Spring Vacation, (3) Easter Holliday. But these few headlines from the phenomenal Sophomore Class show us we are working for that famous award given at the end of each school year. We don't know the name of this award nor the purpose, but the Soph Class is in there fighting.

Spring sports have started, and many Sophomores are trying out for positions on the different varying sports. On the baseball team, David Gentry (3b), Mike Howard (1b), Woodsie Husband (2b), Grant Smithson (3b and c), will provide a fine hitting power for the "BIG RED." Out for track is: Jerry Lofton, David Eyer, Tommy DeMoss, Johnny Waggoner, Howell Warner, Alf Sharp. On the tennis courts Greer Cummins, Dennis DeMoss, and Jimmie Williams are working hard to have a fine season.

Mr. Edmond's classes have just received their grades from their classical term papers. Here are some overheard statements about these grades:

"I'm gonna' quit school."

"I made above 50!"

"...#\$@%!"

"It's great except for the mistakes."

Undoubtedly the biggest news on the campus, however, is the Sophomore's dazzling SUPER-SOPH-Felix Argott!

He is a transfer from Isaac N. Newton High School in the nation's fastest-growing town, Vladimir, New Mexico. He arrived inconspicuously on the bus to B. A. Dennis a few months ago (we think) as a shy schizophrenic introvert. "Feeb Baby" (as he's known to his friends) is one of M. B. A.'s most promising SUPER-SOPHS, sure to become a member of the most elite organization on the campus: THE SUPER-STUDS. As lean and muscular as Blackhawk, Felix is ONE of the most outstanding athletes on the Sophomore's Class. (Coach Owen isn't aware that he runs a 9.1 100, leaps a 27' 4" broad jump, and wears a size 15 triple -G shoe.) A brilliant student, he averaged 98.3 at Newton High, taking every subject within the realm of human imagination, and finishing them all in one semester. He was the top student at M. B. A. Look and See!

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Chemical Equation of the Month—

Phosphorus + Phosphorus = Tris

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Good news: WMBA, a radio station operated by Parrish, Howell and Geny will be on the air soon. The station will feature news, weather, music, sports WMBA will be picked on 1100kc. There will be interviews with famous commentators like Burton Rice.

Anyone interested in joining the "Howard" Club see Lee Noel.

Lyle Hammond has a new car. It only goes 3.6 miles an hour, but Lyle likes it. He will gladly give anyone a ride unless you'd rather walk.

TRIBUTE TO OUR HERO!

1. Steve Gleave knowing that Fergie and The Rebel can't beat Tojo and Alex!

1. John Billings leave my wrestling ability to Page!

1. Walter Bond leave my ballet shoes to Waugh!

1. Mike Head leave my laugh to McMurray!

1. Dick Sneed leave my duckles to Lee Sager!

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Uncle Ugly Allison

name of Berry Coldwater or Eswayne-X. We are going to close this tribute with a report on Eswayne's athletic ability.

Although he is most outstanding achievements, he also has many more wonderful attributes.

For instance, he is working on a top secret project in which he rings basic anions. He also has entered the world of politics under the

Jr. Class News

RED PICKUP TRUCK SEEN WITH KITE FLYING OUT BACK 4,000 killed in tragic mishap Pilot blinded by mysterious floating object in sky

Nashville, Tenn. (UPI)—One of the most tragic airliner accidents in the history of aviation took place here yesterday March 25, at approximately 2:00 P.M. A jet route L. S. G. airliner en route to Berry Field, exploded in the heart of greater (or larger) downtown area and killed or injured a total of 25,000 people. The believed cause of the tragic occurrence was a red pickup truck traveling northwest on Interstate 40 at approximately 120 mph. The driver has not yet been located but is believed to be a student and Spanish major at Montgomery Bell Academy. One of the passengers (who is the actual navigator of the flying object) is believed to be hiding at the residence of Charles B. on Lynnwood Boulevard and posing as a student at Harpeth Hall School for Girls. The girl's mother, believed to be the ringleader of the notorious "I. L. B. gang," is reported to have been instrumental in influencing the culprits toward the ways of evil and corruption. She is wanted on sixteen counts including: (1) contributing to the delinquency of a minor, (2) illegal sale of L. S. D. toothpaste, (3) reckless driving, and (4) embezzlement of public funds.

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Here's what some of the other Freshmen did during the fall (it still seems like only one): Sanders, in order to keep his status rating (and his scholarship), went to Florida; Bowens to Indianapolis; and Holman is still on the golf course. Rumors are in the air about a Frosh golf team coached by that most famous pro, Mr. Welch. Now, here are some random quotes said by Freshmen and teachers: Mr. Kirkpatrick: "Banks, you're impossible."

Mr. Meadaugh: "Banks, you're immature."

Dr. Sager: "Banks, you're terrible."

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Two of the more fortunate people in the Freshmen class got to take debate. These brave men were Billy Terry and Rusty Lawrence.

Rodan

Freshman Class News

After our brief ten day rest, the freshman class came bouncing back, displaying blistered backs, faces charred by the Florida sun, and long tales of riotous beach parties. Comments by various freshmen were: Gorrell—"The Florida sun is wild enough for me."

Sanders—"The plane trip down was alright, but when we arrived Lauderdale my harem began to act up a little bit." Shahan—"Boy, did we have a blast up here. Without girls how can anyone have a blast?" Shaw—"Did you know that Florida was once the biggest state in the Union until the ice melted?" Quotes by some teachers on the after-effects of the vacation were: Dr. Sager—"Get that girl out of your desk, Wade!" Mr. Welch—"Alright boys, we've all had people peeling grapes for us these past ten days, now, let's get to work!" Miss Richardson—"Where are all the presents you brought me, boys? What, no presents? Dogs! You all fall!"

Can the freshmen class hold out 'till summer? There is only one major obstacle in their way, the final exams. Can we suffer through two more weeks of drudgery, pain and agony? The only possible solution is to keep the idea of the glorious golden days of summer in our minds as we fall tests left and right.

As we start the next to last six-weeks, we can see the glorious sight of summer and the end of school. Thus prompted Mr. Welch and the freshman class to have a party, which we hope is better than the hay ride. Although we have three things in our favor:

1.) Alvin Cox is not on a committee

2.) No hot dogs

3.) No buses

Some famous books have been written by some of the freshmen. Some of them follow: How to Grow Protozoans on the Teeth in Ten Easy Lessons by Hutchins

My Friends in Florida by Tony Rose and Frank Gorrell

How to Be a Latin Scholar by Jack Buchanan

Why I Carry My Books in a Trash Can by Bill Meeks

The Greatest Assembly Talk by Chad McCoullough

How I Do Biology Homework by Riley Corkleek

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Personalities



THE BELL RINGER of 1963-1964 is honored to announce Miss Kay Murphree as Personality of the Month. Kay attended Overbrook grammar school and before attending St. Cecilia where she is now a senior.

While at St. Cecilia, she is the secretary-treasurer of the student body and the student council. During her junior year, Kay served as second vice president of the Socality. She has achieved membership in the National Honor Society and is the assistant editor of the school paper. Other school activities in which Kay takes part include the tennis and volleyball teams, and the varsity basketball team of which she was co-captain.

Outside school life, Kay takes active interest in her church and sorority. As a member of St. Henry Church, she serves as treasurer of the Catholic Youth Organization. Also Kay is treasurer of the Kappa Delta Theta sorority.

She has great enthusiasm in extracurricular activities such as skiing, art, dramatics, and M. B. A. Kay has served as a spaghetti supper waitress for the past four years and was elected as a homecoming attendant this year. An ardent supporter of M. B. A.'s athletic program, she has been a cheerleader for two years.

Kay has always been loyal to M. B. A., and we feel she is very deserving of Personality of the Month.



THE BELL RINGER is pleased to announce Mike Mootty as Personality of the Month. Since coming to M. B. A. in the ninth grade from Julia Green, Mike not only has been an all-around record but also has set a fine example for the entire student body. He has played football for four years. Moreover, he has been on the paper staff for three years (currently being the editor of the BELL RINGER) the debate team for four years, and the forensic club for three years (he was secretary-treasurer of the latter last year and is president this year). In addition, Mike is a member of Totomo.

Mike's activities are certainly not limited to school life. He was a Boy Scout, attaining the rank of Eagle and the coveted God and Country awards. For three years he has been a member of the Hi-Y Club. He attends Vine Street church, where he is president of the Youth Fellowship. He also is president of the Tennessee Christian Youth Fellowship. Mike, moreover, is secretary of the Delta Sigma fraternity.

Again we salute Mike Mootty—one truly worthy of recognition.

Matthew G. Horner



It is a pleasure for the BELL RINGER to honor Allen Lentz as Personality of the Month. Allen came to M. B. A. in the ninth grade from Julia Green, Mike not only has been an all-around record but also has set a fine example for the entire student body. He has played football for four years. Moreover, he has been on the paper staff for three years (currently being the editor of the BELL RINGER) the debate team for four years, and the forensic club for three years (he was secretary-treasurer of the latter last year and is president this year). In addition, Mike is a member of Totomo.

As a freshman, Allen was elected as Vice-President of his class. He also played freshman football and basketball and ran freshman track. Allen was also honored with a NEDT award for scholastic achievement. Again in his sophomore year, Allen served as Vice-President of his class and was elected to the Key Club.

Last year Allen was a junior representative to the honor council and treasurer of the Service Club. He was also a member of the Hi-Y Club. Again Allen was honored for his scholastic achievement as he received a Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation. He also ran varsity track.

Allen now serves as Vice-President of the honor council and President of the Service Club, and again he is a member of the track team. Allen is busy off campus, serving as Secretary and President of the Panhellenic Council. Allen will attend Vanderbilt University next year to study pre-medicine.

Allen's contributions to the life of the school have indeed been many and most worthy of recognition.



Since coming to M. B. A. in 1957, Mrs. Francis E. Carter, Jr., wife of our esteemed headmaster, has guided and helped many boys in her role as eighth grade ancient history teacher. She has a great interest in boys, "liking their honest and enthusiastic ways."

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she lived most of her early life in Annapolis where she was mascot for the Naval Academy teams. Here was created an acute interest in athletics which she has not lost, a fact which is easily noted at any M. B. A. football game. She was graduated from Sweet Briar College and came to Oberlin School in Baltimore after her marriage. After a period in which Mr. Carter was in the Navy, they moved to Winston-Salem, and then to Nashville.

The Carters have two children, Anne, who is a graduate of Sweet Briar College and is planning to teach in the Junior High School. Anne is a sophomore at Vanderbilt. Besides her interests in boys, Mrs. Carter has helped with many charities and church works.

Mrs. Carter figures that she has been in boys' schools for twenty-five years and has attended 1800 activities. It is with deep appreciation for her assistance and devotion to M. B. A. that we salute Mrs. Francis Carter as a personality of the month.

Hank Davis



THE BELL RINGER wishes to express both pride and admiration in its announcement of Miss Loreen Thompson as its personality of the month.

Born and raised in Bedford County near Shelbyville, Miss Thompson attended both grade school and high school in her home county. After her graduation from State Teacher's College, Miss Thompson attended Peabody College in Nashville.

Miss Thompson then began her teaching career, a career of complete devotion to duty. Miss Thompson began teaching in Marshall and performed. She then moved to Nashville to teach at Stokes School. In 1943 Miss Thompson came to M. B. A. and has been here since that date.

At present, Miss Thompson is an eighth grade home room teacher. She chooses to teach in the Junior School because she "likes boys of all ages." There is little wonder as to her affinity for children since herself was a member of a family of ten.

To the members of the student body, Miss Thompson is much more than just a teacher. She is, by her devotion and patience, a strong and motivating force during her first year at M. B. A. Her duties as a teacher leave her little time for hobbies. Music, however, dominates whatever spare time she might have. Having worked on organ recital at Ward Belmont, Miss Thompson can truly be considered an accomplished musician.

The reasons for Miss Thompson's election as Personality of the Month, however, are not merely her accomplishments as a teacher or musician. The reason for her selection is the sense of deep admiration which the student body holds for this fine lady. Then it is both with pleasure and respect that THE BELL RINGER salutes Miss Loreen Thompson.

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